

London 3rd May 1802.

Mr. Leven Powell
Middleburg Virga.

Sir

Your favors of the 13th Feb'y wth the duplicates of same date came safe to hand in consequence of which we waited on the House of Wm. Collow & Co. of this place who form a part of the House of Collow freres Carmichael & Co. of Havre De Grace- They was very communicative and seemed disposed to give all the information in their power- They have promised to produce Certificated for the Deposit made by Mallet freres & Co. at Paris for the two Notes amount $\text{Ls. } 44390.4.6$ and if no Deposit was made for the open account they would settle with us for it, which perhaps will amount to 20 or 130 - We will avail our selves of the first private opportunity of writing Messrs. Havart & Plemp for the Notes but we fear little will be got from them for some time to come - If ever- We have conversed with a very intelligent Gentn. lately from Paris, who is well acquainted with Mr. Livingston who has many claims of this nature from your Northern Merchts. and he has been pressing the French Government for some time past for a settlement, but without success: but we hope as a general Peace has taken place in Europe they will now have time to make a final settlement with the Government of the U N States, and we fear it cannot be effected in any other way- We are told there has been meetings with you - with the Northern and Southern Merchts. to address your Governnt. on the subject and we would recommend your joining one of those Lists and let it come forward in a legal way- There has been two or three meetings called at the London Tavern, of the Holders of Assignats to adopt some plan for addressing the French Government on the subject, but they have not yet fixed on any plan for that purpose- We shall therefore attend to those events which may take place, that are likely to favor your Claims; and avail our selves of it and advise you from time to time as they occur-

We are sorry to say our Markets are very heavy for the Sale of American Produce- as to Tobacco the price seems to be nominal- except for Superior qualittys which would fetch from 5d. to 6d.- Flour has been rather in demand up the Mediteranean and would command 4 but we fear that Market will soon be over done-

With much esteem

We are

Gentn.

Your most obedt. Servts.
Thomas Riddleton & Co.